

Appl. No. 10/624,017
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1-22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A process for controlling fecal hair excretion and trichobezoar formation in an animal comprising feeding the animal a composition comprising from about 10% to about 42% crude protein, from about 4% to about 30% fat, from about 1% to about 25% total dietary fiber, all by weight of the composition, and a supplemental fiber source; wherein said animal is a cat or a rabbit.

Claim 24 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the composition comprises from about 1% to about 13% of supplemental total dietary fiber, by weight of the composition.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the supplemental fiber source is selected from the group consisting of at least one fermentable fiber; a blend of at least two fermentable fibers; a blend of at least one fermentable fiber and a cellulose ether; a blend of at least one fermentable fiber, a cellulose ether, and mineral oil; and a blend of at least one fermentable fiber and at least one non-fermentable fiber.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 25 wherein the fermentable fiber(s) comprise a fiber selected from the group consisting of beet pulp, gum arabic, fructooligosaccharides, and blends thereof.

Claim 27 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the supplemental fiber source comprises a blend of beet pulp and carboxymethylcellulose.

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Claim 28 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the supplemental fiber source comprises a blend of beet pulp, carboxymethylcellulose, and mineral oil.

Claim 29 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the supplemental fiber source comprises a blend of beet pulp and cellulose.

Claim 30 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 24 wherein the supplemental fiber source comprises beet pulp.

Claim 31 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the composition comprises from about 6% to about 12% of supplemental total dietary fiber, by weight of the composition.

Claim 32 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the composition comprises from about 10% to about 12% of supplemental total dietary fiber, by weight of the composition.

Claim 33 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the composition comprises about 6% beet pulp, about 2% gum arabic, and about 1.5% fructooligosaccharides, all by weight of the composition.

Claim 34 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the composition comprises about 6% beet pulp and about 1.5% carboxymethylcellulose, all by weight of the composition.

Claim 35 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the composition comprises about 6% beet pulp and about 6.5% cellulose, all by weight of the composition.

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Claim 36 (Previously presented): The process according to Claim 23 wherein the composition comprises about 12% beet pulp, by weight of the composition.